

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 2004

PRESENT: Chairman Thomas, V. C. Brown, Councilmen Gunnells, Forrester, Norris, Calhoun, Walker, Director Burns, Attorney Lee Roper, Carol Chrisley, Clerk to Council

Chairman Claude Thomas called the Public Hearing to order.

A. ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF NOT EXCEEDING \$13,000,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT HOSPITAL FACILITIES REVENUE BONDS (ABBEVILLE COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL PROJECT) OF ABBEVILLE COUNTY SOUTH CAROLINA , FROM TIME TO TIME IN ONE OR MORE SERIES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 11, CHAPTER 7, TITLE 44, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED; THE APPLICATION OF THE PROCEEDS OF SAID BONDS TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ABBEVILLE COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL TO FINANCE THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING AND EQUIPPING OF A REPLACEMENT HOSPITAL FACILITY; THE ENTERING INTO OF CERTAIN COVENANTS AND AGREEMENTS AND THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF CERTAIN INSTRUMENTS RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE AFORESAID BONDS INCLUDING A LOAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN ABBEVILLE COUNTY AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ABBEVILLE COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, AND AN ASSIGNMENT THEREOF TO THE PURCHASER OF THE BONDS; CONSENTING TO THE DELIVERY OF A MORTGAGE OF THE HOSPITAL FACILITIES; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

Robley Moore of Iva spoke during the public hearing by proposing that the whole complex of ACMH be sold to those people who make a living or are associated with the facility. Jim Irwin of the Taxpayers Association said they were for the Abbeville County Hospital but had some serious concerns and questions about the way it has been presented. After further comments, the public hearing came to a close.

1. Chairman Claude Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:45pm with prayer that was given by Rev. Robinson.

11. First item on the agenda was approval of Special meeting on 2/2/04. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve these minutes that were seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously. Next item on the agenda was approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of 2/2/04. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to approve these minutes that were seconded by V. C. Brown and passed unanimously.

III. Public Comments:

A, **Jimmy Irwin** - Problems with BZA Meetings.

IV. Presentation: Chairman Claude Thomas passed a resolution honoring the two officers killed in the line of duty. The families of Wilson and Ouzts were honored with a resolution presented by Chairman Thomas.

V. Old Business:

A. Consideration of 2nd Reading on an Ordinance to amend Ordinance 94-3 as amended, creating the Abbeville County Research, Planning and Development Board as an extension of the Abbeville County Government Entity; providing for their two employees to become County Employees and to be eligible for the same benefits as other County Employees, providing for their two employees to become County Employees and to be eligible for the same benefits as other County Employees; providing for the number, method of selection and terms of office; prescribing the duties and responsibilities of the Board. Councilman Gunnells made a motion that we bring this item off the table.

Motion was seconded by Councilman Calhoun. V. C. Brown opposed. Motion passed. Councilman Gunnells made a motion that this be 2nd Reading. Motion was seconded by Councilman Norris. V. C. Brown opposed. Motion passed to have 2nd Reading.

B. Consideration of 2nd Reading on an Ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map for Abbeville County, South Carolina on a 12.60 Acre Tract of Land on Highway 72 W. and Turkey Hill Road from Forest Agriculture to Basis Industrial. Councilman Gunnells made a motion for 2nd Reading that was seconded by V. C. Brown and passed unanimously.

V1. New Business:

A. Consideration of an Ordinance to amend by FY-03-04 Budget for Abbeville County by incorporating \$75,323 in Additional Revenues and Appropriating the Same.

Councilman Norris made a motion to have 1st Reading. Motion was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

B. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the County Director to enter into a Lease Purchase Agreement Between Abbeville County and Ford Motor Credit Company for the purchase of a new Crown Victoria at a cost not to exceed \$20,688.00. Councilman Walker made a motion to approve the resolution that was seconded by Councilman Gunnells and passed unanimously.

C. Consideration of an Ordinance to amend the Abbeville County Zoning Map so as to change the zoning on Tax Map Number 099-00-00-026 (original parcel number), known as Hunter's Creek Subdivision from FA, Forest Agriculture to R-8, One Family Residential to bring the development into zoning compliance. Councilman Norris made a motion to have 1st Reading. Motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed unanimously.

D. Consideration of a Resolution to authorize the transfer of \$70,000 from the Local Option Sales Tax Account to the General Fund. V. C. Scott made a motion to approve the resolution that was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed unanimously.

E. Consideration of a Resolution to Authorize the Transfer of \$125,000 from the Local Option Sales Tax Account to the General Fund. V. C. Brown made a motion to approve this resolution that was seconded by Councilman Norris and passed unanimously.

F. Consideration of a Resolution to Authorize the County Treasurer to transfer \$722.00 to the Sheriff's BJA Grant Account. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the Resolution that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

G. Consideration of a Resolution to authorize the County Treasurer to transfer \$10,000 from the Abbeville County Piedmont Tech Account to the General Fund. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to approve the resolution that was seconded by V. C. Brown and passed unanimously.

H. A Resolution to authorize the County Treasurer to transfer \$50,000 from the Abbeville County Library Account to the General Fund. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the Resolution. Motion was seconded by V.C. Brown and passed unanimously.

I. Consideration of a Resolution authorizing the Abbeville County Department of Public Works to stop the baling of Solid Waste for placement in the Abbeville County Subtitle D Landfill. Councilman Walker made a motion to approve this resolution that was seconded by V. C. Brown and passed unanimously.

J. Consideration of 1st Reading to the fiscal-year 2004-05 Budget Ordinance for Abbeville County. V. C. Brown made a motion to have 1st Reading. Motion was seconded by V. C. Brown and passed unanimously.

K. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Economic Development Dept. to expend \$1,000 for the cost estimate for planned projects to be funded by Rural Infrastructure monies. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to approve the Resolution that was seconded by Councilman Norris and passed unanimously.

L. Consideration of a Resolution authorizing the placement of a Monument on Detention Center Property honoring two Officers killed in the line of duty. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this request that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

V11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Personnel & Administration, Ray Gunnells, Chair, Scott Brown, Claude Thomas

B. Finance, Claude Thomas, Chair, Billy Norris, Larry Walker

C. Public Works Committee, Larry Walker, Chair, Ray Gunnells, David Forrester

D. Intergovernmental Relations, Billy Norris, Chair, Claude Thomas, John Calhoun

E. Planning and Industrial Development, Scott Brown, Chair, John Calhoun, Larry Walker - are meeting on the LDR's

F. Public Safety - No Report

V111. Director's Report:

1. Personnel Policy
2. Comp & Class Study
3. E911
4. Telephone & Internet System
5. Farmers Market
6. C & D Landfill
7. Closure of Old Landfill
8. Start of Risk Management Program

9. Audit Completed more timely with less findings

10. Claude Thomas recognized Ms. Bertha Crawford who said that the seating problem needed to be resolved before the next meeting.

1X Executive Session:

A. Discussion of Hospital. Councilman Forrester made a motion to go into executive session that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously. No action was taken in executive session. Meeting adjourned.